

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, one of the foremost agricultural scientists of the century, George Washington Carver, was born into slavery on a plantation near Diamond Grove, Missouri, during the Civil War. The tiny baby was traded for a race horse worth \$300.00; and

WHEREAS, no human being was ever more sensitive to the growth of life. Born an outcast from the society of man, he sought the society of plants. With green fingers he brought many a sickly plant back to healthy bloom; and

WHEREAS, later--in a laboratory of makeshifts and castoffs, with only thirteen students--Professor Carver began his great work at Tuskegee Institute. Slowly, through his discoveries about the peanut and the sweet potato, this man changed the life of a people and a region. Famous men were honored to count him as a friend, and from all over the world came letters to this patient genius who never stopped learning in his eighty years; and


WHEREAS, surpassing even his discoveries was the gentle example of this dedicated missionary, who set a better pattern for all races. He never had time for resentment of slurs and ill treatment by the ignorant. When he died on January 5, 1943, the whole world mourned his passing, a great scientist, and outstanding citizen, example of our belief in the fulfillment of the American tradition of brotherhood among all men;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ARCHIE GUBBRUD, Governor of the State of South Dakota do hereby proclaim Thursday, January 5, 1963, as

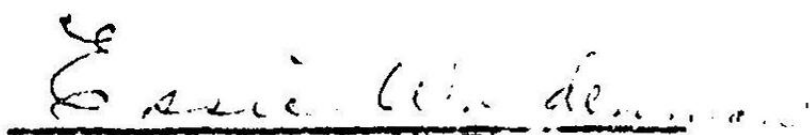
GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER DAY

asking all citizens to honor the memory of this exemplary American, who, single-handed, changed the pattern of agriculture in the South and did more than any other force to bring about good will among the race.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of South Dakota to be affixed this 10 day of Dec., in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and sixty-two.


ARCHIE GUBBRUD, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


SECRETARY OF STATE

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